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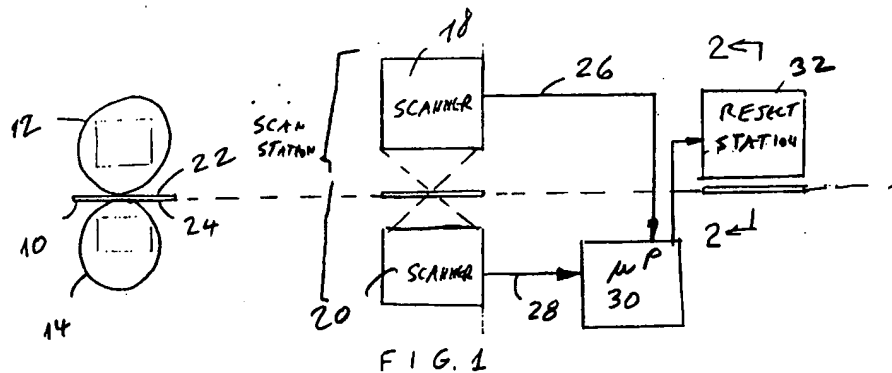
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(54) **Apparatus and method for checking printed matter**

(57) Sheets with images are scanned to determine if the images are acceptable. Sheets with unacceptable images are marked with a reject mark. The images may

define banknotes, securities, traveler checks, stamps, and so on.





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